



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

DA SILVA FREIRE

Atty. Ref.: 3673-2; Confirmation No. 6833

Appl. No. 09/423,517

Group: 1645

Filed: February 10, 2000

Examiner: Zeman

For: PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF VIRUS IN CELL CULTURES

* * * * *

January 29, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

SUBMISSION

Supplemental to the remarks of the Amendment dated December 1, 2003, attached is a copy of the reference Theiler and Smith reference referred to on page 10 of the remarks of the Amendment. An early and favorable response to the Amendment is requested.

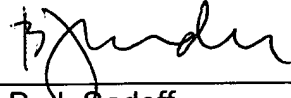
The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned if anything further is required in this regard.

DA SILVA FREIRE
Appl. No. 09/423,517
January 29, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By: _____



B. J. Sadoff
Reg. No. 36,663

BJS:plb
1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor
Arlington, VA 22201-4714
Telephone: (703) 816-4000
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100